

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting  
(Proposal Five)

Docket No. RM2018-8

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued July 10, 2018)

To clarify the Postal Service's petition to consider a change in analytical principles, filed June 26, 2018,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers to each question should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than July 17, 2018.

1. Please refer to Petition, Proposal Five. The Postal Service states that "RPW data by Dispatch Format are distributed to the Item Formats proportionally by pieces and weight using estimates from the System for International Revenue and Volume, Inbound (SIRVI)." Petition, Proposal Five at 9. Please state whether any changes have been made to the SIRVI sampling plan and estimation methodology provided in Library Reference USPS-FY11-NP5.<sup>2</sup> If so, please provide an updated version of the SIRVI sampling plan and estimation methodology.
2. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-FY11-NP5, Word file "Part22011v1.doc." The Postal Service states that it uses different strata in the

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<sup>1</sup> Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Five), June 26, 2018 (Petition).

<sup>2</sup> Docket No. ACR2011, Library Reference USPS-FY11-NP5, December 29, 2011. See Docket No. ACR2011, United States Postal Service FY 2011 Annual Compliance Report, December 29, 2011.

- SIRVI sampling plan. Library Reference USPS-FY11-NP5, Word file "Part22011v1.doc," at 29. Please identify which of these strata, if any, will be used in distributing data by Dispatch Format to the Item Formats.
3. Please refer to Petition, Proposal Five. The Postal Service states that "As part of the RPW Reconciliation tab of the Reports (Unified) workbook, a crosswalk will be provided to help explain the differences [between Dispatch Format and Item Format]." Petition, Proposal Five at 9-10.
    - a. Please confirm that this crosswalk is not provided.
    - b. If confirmed, please provide this crosswalk.
    - c. If not confirmed, please identify the crosswalk in this workbook.
  4. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-FY17-NP35, January 26, 2018, Excel file "USPSTracking2017.xls," tab "SummaryByShape," cell O6.<sup>3</sup>
    - a. Please identify where this cost is included in the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 cost in Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP1,<sup>4</sup> folder "ICRA," folder "ICRA Core Files," Excel file "Reports (Unified).xls," tab "Pivot3," cells AF20:AH20.
    - b. If this cost is not included, please provide revised workpapers that include this cost.
    - c. If this cost cannot be included in the workpapers, please discuss the feasibility of and obstacles to including this cost in the workpapers.
  5. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP1, folder "ICRA," folder "Supporting Files," folder "FPS Inbound Data," folder "Data as Received," Excel

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<sup>3</sup> Docket No. ACR2017, Library Reference USPS-FY17-NP35, January 26, 2018; see Docket No. ACR2017, Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-10 of Chairman's Information Request No. 5, January 26, 2018, question 9.

<sup>4</sup> Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP1, June 26, 2018.

file "RPW-Carwash for ICRA-FY17(6'18).xlsx," tab "FY17 FPS Carwash (ADJ)."  
Please identify the column that distinguishes between Surface Inbound Letter Post and Air Inbound Letter Post.

6. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP1, folder "ICRA," folder "ICRA Core Files," Excel file "Reports (Unified).xls," tab "CRA Staging," cells A75:T75. Please explain how these costs are calculated, taking into account the volume reported in cell AS77.
7. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP1, folder "ICRA," folder "Supporting Files," folder "FPS Inbound Data," Excel file "FPS\_Inbound\_Inputs.xlsx," tabs "ALC\_E\_PQ1," "ALC\_E\_PQ2," "ALC\_E\_PQ3," "ALC\_E\_PQ4," "SAO\_E\_PQ1," "SAO\_E\_PQ2," "SAO\_E\_PQ3," and "SAO\_E\_PQ4."
  - a. Please explain why certain cells in columns H through K of these tabs are highlighted in yellow and hardcoded when other cells are not highlighted and are formula-based. Please provide supporting workbooks detailing the calculation of the hardcoded values.
  - b. Please also explain why certain cells (e.g., tab "ALC\_E\_PQ1," cells H158 and I158) have values over 100 percent.
8. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP1, folder "ICRA," folder "Supporting Files," folder "FPS Inbound Data," Excel file "FPS\_Inbound\_Inputs.xlsx," tabs "ALC\_PG" and "SAO\_PG."
  - a. Please confirm that these tabs are intentionally blank.
  - b. If confirmed, please explain the purpose of these tabs.
  - c. If not confirmed, please refile Excel file "FPS\_Inbound\_Inputs.xlsx" with the appropriate data in these tabs.

9. Please refer to Petition, Proposal Five. The Postal Service states that in Excel file “FPS\_Inbound\_Inputs.xlsx”, sheets were added to separate packets from letters and flats ALC\_E, ALC\_E\_PQ1, ALC\_E\_PQ2, ALC\_E\_PQ3, ALC\_E\_PQ4, SAO\_E, SAO\_E\_PQ1, SAO\_E\_PQ2, SAO\_E\_PQ3, and SAO\_E\_PQ4. For ICRA 2018 the following sheets will be deleted ALC, ALC\_PQ1, ALC\_PQ2, ALC\_PQ3, ALC\_PQ4, SAO, SAO\_PQ1, SAO\_PQ2, SAO\_PQ3, and SAO\_PQ4.” Petition, Proposal Five at 5. However, many of the cells in the added tabs refer to sheets that will be deleted. See e.g., Library Reference USPS-RM2018-8/NP1, folder “ICRA,” folder “Supporting Files,” folder “FPS Inbound Data,” Excel file “FPS\_Inbound\_Inputs.xlsx,” tab “ALC\_E\_PQ1,” cells C2:F186. Please explain how the Postal Service plans to alter these cells for the Fiscal Year 2018 International Cost and Revenue Analysis (ICRA) report and provide a proposed version of Excel file “FPS\_Inbound\_Inputs.xlsx” with all tab insertions, deletions, and linkages as they would appear in the FY 2018 ICRA Report.
10. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-FY17-NP5, Word file “Part22017.doc.”
  - a. Please confirm that the Postal Service intends to update this document to reflect Proposal Five.
  - b. If confirmed, please provide revised “Part22017.doc” that reflects the changes proposed in the instant docket.
  - c. If not confirmed, please explain.

By the Chairman.

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